नहीं, उक्त कारपोरेशन के अधिकारियों द्वारा पिछले छः मास के दौरान, महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों तथा सांसदों की सिफारिशों पर प्रतिमास कितने डबल बोटल कनेक्शन जारी किये गये हैं; और

(ग) उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान कारपोरेशन के जिन अधिकारियों ने डबल बोटल कनेक्शन जारी किये हैं उनके नामों और पदनामों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त): (क) महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों/सांसदों से विशिष्ट रूप से लिखित अनुरोध प्राप्त होने पर वरीयता के आधार पर दूसरा सिलेंडर जारी कर दिया जाता है।

(ख) इस संबंध में डी० बी० सी० जारी करने से संबंधित आंकड़े अलग से नहीं रखे जाते।

(ग) सामान्य स्थिति में दूसरा सिलेंडर जारी करने के लिए कारपोरेशन के किसी भी अधिकारी को प्राधिकृत किया जा सकता है किन्तु सीमित मात्रा में दूसरा सिलेंडर जारी करने के समय में इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन (उत्तरी क्षेत्र), वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर, नई दिल्ली के केवल उप महाप्रबंधक (एल पी जी) और मुख्य एल पी जी प्रबंधक को ही ऐसे दूसरे सिलेंडर देने के लिये प्राधिकृत किया गया है।

Separating Thane Corporation Area From Bombay Mahanagar Telephone Nigam

1973. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area of Thane Corporation which is presently a part of Bombay Telephone Mahanagar Nigam Limited is going to be separated from Bombay Telephone Mahanagar Nigam; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Irregularities in Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.

1974. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news item 'Irregularities by firm alleged' in 'Time of India; Bombay January 15, 1989 regarding irregularities in the Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) We are inquiring into the allegations mentioned in the news-item.

Linking Cities with Delhi through STD

1975. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the cities, which have already been linked with Delhi by STD;

(b) whether Government propose to link more cities with Delhi by providing STD facilities;

(c) if so, the names and number of cities, which will be linked with Delhi by STD during the next three years; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) 677 towns have already been linked with Delhi by STD. The names are placed at Annex 'A' [*See* Appendix CXLX Annexure No. 110].

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 300 cities are proposed to be linked with Delhi by STD during the next three

years. Their names are placed at Annex 'B'.

(d) There is no exclusive allotment of funds for this purpose.

Competition in Telephone Services

1976. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a British Expert, Sir Bryan V. Carsberg, Director-General, Office of Telecommunications, England had suggested that India should allow competition in telephone services; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government to the above suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Prof. Sir Bryan V. Carsberg did not suggest that India should allow competition in telephone services but that it was for India to decide what was best and appropriate for India. He talked about the reforms and organisational changes in the field of tele-communications with particular reference to U. K.

(b) Does not arise.

Issuence of Bond by NTPC

1977. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation is considering another issue of bonds to supplement its funds;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the cumulative amount so far raised from bonds and the purpose for which it was utilised;

(c) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has planned additional capacities in the eastern and western regions and whether these projects have any World Bank assistance; and

(d) whether there is any foreign tie-up in any of these projects, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) are considering issue of Power Bonds of an aggregate value of Rs. 500 crores during the current financial year by way of private placement with banks. The Corporation have so far issued Bonds of an aggregate value of about Rs. 1183.00 crores for the purpose of financing the capital cost of some of their projects.

(c) and (d) The proposed Farakka Super Thermal Power Project State-III (1 × 500 MW) in the Easten Region and the Additional Transmission system associated with the Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project State-I in the Western Region have been proposed to the World Bank. The Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project State-II (2 × 500 MW) has been identified for Soviet assistance.

जोधपुर रेलवे परिसर में प्रधान डाकघर का निर्माण

1978. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जोधपुर रेलवे परिसर में प्रधान डाकघर के निर्माण के लिए प्रारंभ में कितनी अवधि निश्चित की गई थी;

(ख) क्या इसका निर्माण-कार्य निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर पूरा हो जाने की सभावना है; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर ना हो तो